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Valuable Additions to our Stock of Shrubs and and Evergreens

AS LONG AS WE LIVE we expect from year to year to add to our list the trees, shrubs, and plants that are attractive and hardy, both the beautiful natives of West Texas and those from the balance of the world. We herein give a list of some good ones, which will appear in the next regular edition of our catalog.

See **Shrubs, Native Shrubs, and Evergreens**, under Ornamental Department of catalog for general list of varieties.



It just happened this way in the Austin Nursery. A row of **Japan Tamarix**, with every twig like a green ostrich plume. In the middle, a row of everblooming **Totus Alba Althea**, and at left a row of small **Amoor Privet**. They are all good for any yard in Texas.

THE AUSTIN NURSERY

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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420 Acres

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A view of part of ten acres of hardy flowering shrubs in the Austin Nursery, principally Crape Myrtle and Althea. They make home, home.



PAMPAS GRASS. Eight feet high, in the Austin Nursery. White plumes all fall. Easy to grow.

Order Trees Now

EVERYBODY IS PLANTING both fruit trees and ornamentals, pecans and berries. It seems that twice as many trees will be planted this season as were ever planted in any previous year.

It behooves every prospective planter to place his order with a firm who has the stock in quantity and quality to meet all demands, and to place his order as soon as possible, to secure an unbroken supply in varieties and grades.

OUR CATALOG sent herewith contains the largest number of varieties to be found in the Southwest. They have been selected, tested and developed because of their special adaptability to different parts of the country. We know what every section needs, and will not let an undesirable variety go to a section not adapted to it, unless with the knowledge of the customer. We shall be glad to help you select just what you need.

Write us at any time for any information desired. It will be given freely, if we have it.

WE SHIP EVERY DAY (except Sunday) from November until April 15. Our advice is, plant as soon as you can, unless you are far enough North to have the ground frozen for any length of time in winter.

The sooner trees are planted, the better root system they will have made ready to start into growth in the spring.

FRUIT TREES. A glance through our Fruit Tree Department will convince you that we have a carefully selected list of fruits. Every home, in city or country, should have fruit trees, and fruit trees that bear.

OUR NURSERY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1875, and we have been doing nothing but grow trees, and study their improvement ever since. We work over 400 acres now. We doubt that there is a family within Texas and surrounding States who can not find our trees growing and giving satisfaction in their own orchard or the orchard of a neighbor.

WE REPLACE AT HALF PRICE TREES THAT DIE THE FIRST YEAR. STOCK GUARANTEED TO ARRIVE IN GOOD CONDITION.

WE PAY EXPRESS IN TEXAS ON ORDERS OF \$3.00, AND IN ALL OTHER STATES ON ORDERS OF \$10.00.

SPECIAL PREMIUM UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1917.

ONE SMITH OR LEONA PEACH TREE FREE IN EVERY ORDER FOR \$5.00 OR MORE. THEY ARE THE SUREST BEARERS IN THE WORLD.

BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME GROUNDS. Home owners are able now to give thought and some money to making their grounds and surroundings more attractive. First, for the sake of beauty alone, it is worth while. Every one owes this much to family and neighbors. Second, it pays in dollars and cents. Every dollar paid for such improvement adds five dollars in real value.

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GOOD INVESTMENTS. Every 25 cents invested in trees and plants will be worth, in three years' time, from \$3.00 to \$25.00. You would not take less than \$15.00 for a good peach tree three years old, nor a great deal more for some. Are you looking for a good investment?

Then what about pecan trees? After a few years they will pay you interest on a value of \$500.00 a tree. We can prove it.

HAUPT BERRIES will pay from \$200.00 to \$600.00 an acre after two years.

ANY ORDER YOU PLACE WITH US, large or small, will receive the most careful attention possible. We shall appreciate it, and try to render you such service that you will look to us every year for your supply of nursery stock. That is the kind of trade we have built up for years, and that we will continue to build.

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F. T. Ramsey & Son,

Austin, Texas.



Tested Hardy Shrubs

ASTER. Native. 20 cents each, \$2.00 a dozen. Profuse mass of small, pale, purplish-blue flowers all fall. Three feet.

BUDDLEIA variabilis Veitchiana. 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Of fast growth, from 3 to 8 feet, with dense foliage, and profusion of fragrant white flowers, tinted with lavender, in large panicles. Called Butterfly Bush, because of attraction for butterflies. Blooms from spring until frost.

BUDDLEIA variabilis magnifica. 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Like Veitchiana (above), but with large panicles of rich purplish-violet flowers.

CARYOPTERIS Mastacanthus (Blue Spirea). 35 cents each, \$3.50 a dozen. A compact growing shrub, three or four feet high, with profusion of blue flowers in summer and in fall.

DWARF HORSE CHESTNUT (Aesculus octanara). 35 cents each, \$3.50 a dozen. Another climate-proof native, 3 to 5 feet. Gorgeous trusses, 10 inches long, of glowing pinkish red flowers in spring and summer, but well worth growing for the foliage alone.

EXOCHORDA grandiflora. (Pearl Bush.) 40 cents each, \$4.00 a dozen. Grows 6 or 8 feet. Bright green foliage, and large clusters of snow white flowers in spring.

GENISTA tinctoria. (Scotch Broom.) 35 cents each, \$3.50 a dozen. Most desirable for rocky locations or hillsides, or low massing with other shrubs. Small leaves, and slender bright green branches. Golden yellow flowers in profusion.

HUAJILLO (pronounced waw-he-ya). (Pithecolobium.) 35 cents each, \$3.50 a dozen. On one of our tramps beyond Devil's River we found this which may become the most popular of all

the native shrubs we have ever introduced. It was luxuriant in the barren desert gravel, and more so when set in our black land and cultivated. It grows one to two feet, and the leaves are of the style of a sensitive plant, but also look like ferns. If cut to the ground every few years, the robust growth is beautiful beyond description. A bed may be planted against the west foundation of a house, or any other side, and no bed of ferns will ever surpass it in beauty or luxuriance. Plant a dozen "on suspicion."

HYPERICUM moserianum. 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Grows 2 feet, with much foliage on graceful drooping branches. Flowers large, bright yellow. Very attractive.

HYPERICUM prolificum. 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Larger than moserianum (above), with dark green foliage, and smaller but bright golden yellow flowers.

LIATRIS punctata. 25 cents each, \$2.50 a dozen. Perennial, 2 to 3 feet high, with spikes of purplish-blue flowers that retain their color all winter when cut and dried. Blooms all summer. A hardy, desirable native.

MALLOW MARVELS. 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Improved hardy Hibiscus. Large flowers, white, pink, crimson, and scarlet, mixed.

OLEANDER. 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Different colors.

PLUMBAGO capensis. 30 cents each, \$3.00 a dozen. Low shrub with masses of beautiful fluffy soft blue flowers all summer and fall.

SALVIA GREGGII. 30 cents each, \$3.00 a dozen. Native of West Texas. Almost evergreen. 2 to 3 feet high. Covered with dark crimson flowers from spring to frost. Compact growth that is improved by pruning. Hardy everywhere, and suitable for many purposes, especially low borders and for massing.

SALVIA splendens. 30 cents each, \$3.00 a dozen. 2 to 3 feet, with bright red flowers all season. Extremely attractive in borders and for color in front of plantings.



Hardy Tested Evergreens

AUCUBA Japonica. 4 to 8 feet, with showy scarlet berries.

CHERRY LAUREL (*Rhamnus Caroliniana*). 50 cents each, \$5.00 a dozen. Grows 4 to 8 feet. Bright, glossy, evergreen leaves. Limbs covered with shining black berries all fall and winter. A hardy native of Texas.

EUONYMOUS microphyllum. Very dwarf, similar to Box, leaves small, narrow and oblong.

LIGUSTRUM Nepalense. 2 feet, \$1.00 each. Foliage heavy, dark and rich, compact, of dwarf growth. Panicles of pure white, fragrant flowers in spring, pretty as best lilacs.

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LIGUSTRUM Ibota. 50 cents each. Leaves small, but foliage very pretty, light green. Best bloomer of the Privets, making also a small tree.

LIGUSTRUM regalis. 50 cents each. Smaller than Ibota (above), with dense spreading branches and beautiful large panicles of white blossoms.

LOQUAT (Japan Medlar). \$1.00 each. Beautiful hardy, spreading tree reaching a height of seven or eight feet. Leaves resemble those of Magnolia. Blooms in January and February, and ripens edible fruit in summer. Flowers small, white, fragrant.

MAHONIA. (Berberis aquifolium). \$1.00 each. Very ornamental, with evergreen spiny-toothed leaves. Flowers yellow, in abundance early in spring. Foliage rich bronze in winter.

SARCOBATUS. 35 cents. From the Panhandle Plains. Bright green, glossy, small, evergreen leaves. Foliage dense. Grows 2 to 3 feet. At home on desert soil, and responds to good soil and water on our grounds. Really valuable. Fine for screening foundations. Easy to transplant.



Vines

BIGNONIA crucigera (B. capreolata). 30 cents, \$3.50 a dozen. One of the Trumpet Creepers, but evergreen. A great climber, covered with red and yellow flowers.

SARSAPARILLA (Cebatha Carolina). 25 cents, \$2.50 a dozen. A native, hardy vine with attractive foliage, but its chief beauty is its clusters of brilliant red berries all fall and winter.

VINCA minor. 15 cents each, \$1.50 a dozen. Most desirable for trailing on ground in shady or sunny places. Bright leaves, evergreen. Blue flowers all summer.





A glimpse of the home grounds of Capt. F. F. Collins, San Antonio, showing **Japan Ligustrums** in shade, or tree, form. Sold by the Austin Nursery. They are always green and live 400 years.



Japan Ligustrums for wind brake, on the grounds of Capt. F. F. Collins, San Antonio, sold by the Austin Nursery. During a cold norther, the thermometer registers nine degrees warmer on south side. They look good, feel good, and are good.



A church building in Austin. Grounds planned and planted by the Austin Nursery. The shrubs and evergreens give a perpetual invitation and welcome



Part of a border surrounding the side yard of Mr. Williams' residence in Ballinger. Photo 2½ years after planting.

The first tree on left is an unpruned evergreen Japan Ligustrum. Next, are three kinds of Tamarix (Salt Cedar), then hardy flowering shrubs in front of them.

Planned and planted by Mr. F. T. Ramsey.